

FORTY-FIRST YEAR.

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**YOUNG GIRL FACES  
SERIOUS CHARGE****MISS ELIZABETH BRANDON  
CHARGED WITH IN-  
FANTICIDE.****PLACED IN JAIL****Charged With Throwing Her  
Own Baby In River Near  
Columbus; Hearing Set  
For This Afternoon.**

Facing a charge of infanticide Miss Elizabeth Brandon, a comely young girl of 20, was brought to Columbus Monday morning from her home near Gordo, Ala., by Officer Morton and placed in jail to await a preliminary hearing.

Miss Brandon is charged with the murder of her own child, the body of which, if it was her own, was found in the Tombigbee river at the foot of South Second avenue more than a week ago by Boy Scouts.

A collection of circumstances based on the statements of nearly a half dozen persons pointed to Miss Brandon, and connected her with the affair. The finding of the body of the child in the river horrified the people of this entire community.

The police, under the direction of Chief of Police M. F. Cook, began an investigation of the case which led to the arrest of Miss Brandon at her home six miles from Gordo, Alabama last Sunday.

She will be given a hearing before Mayor McClanahan, 2 o'clock this afternoon having been set as the time for the trial.

A maze of circumstances, which, when unraveled and followed out pointed conclusively to Miss Brandon's connection with the case and the police followed out the lines of data which they had collected.

The police give the story leading up to the horrible affair and the arrest of Miss Brandon charged with the crime as follows:

It was ascertained on the statements of reputable parties that Miss Brandon came to Columbus on January 15 and registered at a local hotel from Gordo, Alabama. She came in on a morning train and returned to Alabama in the afternoon, so the hotel records show.

Again she came to Columbus on April 3rd and registered at the same hotel, registering from Cordova, Alabama. This time she had a newly born baby with her. She arrived on a belated Southern train and did not reach the hotel until about 11 o'clock, it having been a stormy and rainy night and she spent sometime in the waiting room at the Southern station.

Next morning she arose about 5 o'clock and checked out from the hotel. This was Easter morning. She wandered about the city during the day and late in the evening about 7 o'clock she made her way to the home of Sarah Sables, a negress on East College Street near the car barns. She was seeking nourishment for her starving and sick baby, and asked Sarah to get some sweet milk. The negro woman out of sheer sympathy for the mother and the child borrowed some milk from a neighbor. Sarah Sables stated that the child was in a very weakened condition and did not retain the nourishment. Miss Brandon left the woman's house about 7 o'clock with the child. She was next seen on College street by several parties going in the direction of the river. She was seen to disappear at Third street. A short while later, probably a half hour or more, these same parties saw her coming back from the direction of the river without the child. This arouses their suspicions but nothing more was thought of the incident until the body of the child was found in the river the following Thursday.

So, it is supposed that the little body was either thrown or placed in the waters of the river in the evening of Easter Sunday, the day of the resurrection of the Christ. Three days later, seemingly in consolation with the story of the resurrection, the little body was found. It was carried to the funeral parlors of Gunter Bros. undertaking parlors where it has remained pending final disposition of the case.

Chief of Police Cook sent Officer John Morton to Cordova last Saturday when the threads of the story had been gathered up, in an effort to locate the girl. His visit there availed nothing and Sunday he journeyed to Gordo and succeeded in locating

**BASKET BALL  
GAME TODAY****M. S. C. W. Team Meets Ole Miss Six  
On College Campus This  
Afternoon.**

The first inter-collegiate basket ball game that has been played in Columbus in several seasons will be staged this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the College campus.

It will be between the M. S. C. W. Varsity team and the University of Mississippi six.

Much interest is centered in the contest as there has always existed a keen spirit of rivalry between the basket ball teams of these two institutions.

Both teams are said to be unusually strong and a close and exciting game is anticipated. The game will be called at 4 o'clock and the admission will be 35 cents.

Columbians are extended a most cordial invitation to attend. The Alumnae of the college is extended a special invitation to witness the game, and special seats will be reserved for them in the grandstand.

**PROF. CRAWLEY  
TO PHILADELPHIA**

Columbus lost one of the valuable members of her High School faculty, the first of this week, when Prof. C. L. Crawley, principal of the Stephen D. Lee High School, accepted a contract for the superintendency of the public schools at Philadelphia, Miss.

Professor Crawley goes to his new position with an increase in salary of nearly one hundred per cent, over the salary paid him here.

At present he is receiving \$1,610 a year. His contract with the Philadelphia schools provides a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Public schools all over the state, and in adjoining states, already are making offers to the best teachers in all the schools, and communities that fail to recognize the necessity for a material increase in school teacher salaries will suffer the consequences.

It is known that several other members of the faculty here have received flattering offers, carrying material increase in salaries.

ing the girl at the home of her father, six miles from that place. She waived extradition and voluntarily came to Columbus with the officer Monday morning.

She is only a slip of a girl, about 20, and rather homely in appearance. She made no statements to the officers relative to the affair, the officers preferring that she withhold any statement until after conferring with her attorney.

After she had been placed in jail former District Attorney Guy J. Rencher, conferred with the girl in her cell at the county jail. He has been retained to defend her. Mr. Rencher asked the Dispatch yesterday to make the request that public opinion be suspended until the girl's side of the case can be heard. He said that she would have a legitimate defense. Her father will arrive in Columbus this morning from Gordo.

When asked whether or not the trial would be public or in camera, it being the privilege of the defense to request a private hearing, Mr. Rencher stated that he had not yet reached a decision on this point, but that it was probable that the hearing would be open to the public, and that this course would be pursued in justice to the girl.

The curious and the sympathetic as well, men and women, boys and girls, old and young, flocked to the jail Monday and yesterday to get a glimpse of the unfortunate girl. She was the cynosure of the downright curious until at her own request, people were kept away from the jail. A few called on her out of pure sympathy of heart to offer her consolation and comfort in her distress and in the dark hour of her sorrow and humiliation.

It is expected that several witnesses will be called to testify in the case, and it is possible that witnesses will have to be brought from Alabama in which event it may be necessary to postpone the hearing set for today. Mr. Rencher also stated that he may waive hearing of the case in which event it will go to the grand jury which will be convened next week at the regular term of April court.

Miss Brandon lived at Gordo with her step-mother and her father's sister. Her mother died several years ago. The family formerly lived at Mathiston, it is said.

**PROGRAM FOR  
ENDEAVOR MEET****STATE CHRISTIAN EN-  
DEAVOR WILL CONVE-  
HERE ON FRIDAY  
EVENING.****CROWD EXPECTED****Many Prominent Workers Will  
Have Place On Program;  
Social Features Arranged;  
Delegates Arrive Friday.**

All is in readiness for the big State convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies which will convene in Columbus Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church where the sessions will be held.

Rev. John A. Wood, in a communication to the Dispatch, stated that he expected the attendance this year to surpass that of any previous session. He is optimistic over the prospects for this year's convention.

The State is divided into six districts and there are seventy-five societies in the State. Each of these societies are expected to send several delegates.

The visitors will begin to arrive in the city Friday at noon for the initial session Friday night. The convention will be in session through Sunday evening.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Hon. John F. Frierson, Friday evening at 7 o'clock the delegates will meet at the church for a "Get Acquainted" session, and this will be followed by the formal convening of the convention by the President, Rev. John A. Wood of Canton. The other officers of the State association are: Clyde C. Coulter, Clarksdale, vice-president; Miss Annie Delle Perkins, Starkville, treasurer; Miss Maude Marks, Jackson, secretary.

Following are the chairmen of the convention committee: Mrs. E. E. Groat, general chairman; Miss Margaret McCann, Registration Committee; Miss Uberta Smith, Publicity; Cecil Cook, Finance; Margaret McCann, Decoration; Mildred Johnson, Entertainment; Edward Lindamood, Reception; Miss Sage, Music.

7:00 p. m. Get Acquainted Meeting, church parlors.

7:30 p. m. Song service and devotional.

Words of Welcome, Mr. John Frierson.

Response, Mr. R. Q. Smith.

Appointment of committees.

Address, "Loyalty to Christ and the Church," Rev. R. E. Hough.

Adjournment.

**Saturday Morning.**

8:45. Song service and devotional. Conference, C. E. Committee Work.

Leader, Mr. Karl Lehmann.

Conference, C. E. officers work; leader, Mr. C. C. Colter.

Conference, C. E. finance; open conference.

Address, "Whatever He Would Like to Have Me Do," Rev. R. C. Cunningham.

Adjournment.

**Saturday Afternoon.**

2:15. Song service.

Reports of Societies.

Report of State Officers.

Report of Committees.

Presentation of C. E. papers, Mr. Karl Lehmann.

Presentation of All-South Convention, Mr. Karl Lehmann.

Address, "The Family Alter League," Rev. William Holderby.

4:30. Special Social Feature arranged by the Societies of Columbus.

**Saturday Evening.**

7:30. Song Service and Devotional.

Address, Missions, Dr. H. F. Williams.

**Sunday Morning.**

Delegates attending Sunday School.

11:00. Convention sermon, Rev. J. A. Wood.

**Sunday Afternoon.**

2:30. Song Service.

Junior Rally, Leader, Miss Annie Delle Perkins.

Report of Committees.

Election of State Officers.

Conference, "The Tenth Legion."

Conference, "The Quite Hour," Mrs. J. A. Wood.

**Sunday Evening.**

6:30. Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting.

7:30. Song service.

Report of committees.

Installation of State Officers.

Address, Mr. Karl Lehmann.

**SPECIAL TRAIN  
FOR FIELD MEET****ANNOUNCEMENT YESTER-  
DAY THAT SPECIAL  
WILL BE PUT  
ON.****RUN FROM OKOLONA****Will Arrive In Columbus About  
11 o'clock—Big Crowd Are  
Expected; Meet On Col-  
lege Campus.**

Announcement was made yesterday by the Mobile & Ohio Railroad officials that a special train would be provided to handle the field day crowds to Columbus, Friday, on the occasion of the annual field meet of the public schools of this section of the state.

The train will leave Okolona at 7 o'clock on Friday morning, and it should reach Columbus between 10 and 10:30, in ample time for the day's events. It will return at 11 o'clock on Friday night.

It will be the first field meet of the schools of the southern section of the Northeast Mississippi group of counties, and between eight hundred and one thousand students and other visitors are expected to come to Columbus for the event.

Professor C. L. Crawley, one of the officials of the association, and a member of the executive committee, was advised yesterday that the special train would be put on.

Indications are that a large attendance will characterize the first meet since the dividing of the northeastern counties into two groups.

Preliminary events of the meet will be held tomorrow afternoon at the S. D. Lee High School. These will be literary events. Friday afternoon at 1:30 the field and track events will begin on the college campus. After the track events a base ball game will be played between Columbus and West Point on the Barrow School campus.

Friday night, in the High School Auditorium, the contests in Declamation, Expression and Music will be

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◆ KNOW YOUR OWN CITY ◆

◆ DO YOU KNOW THAT? ◆

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Today is the 105th day of the year.

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Tomorrow is the interest date on the Fourth Liberty Loan.

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Columbus gas is about as weak as a man getting up from the flu.

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We are living in a fast age—the Saturday Evening Post is issued on Thursday.

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The city league will open on Tuesday, June 1, and not June 15 as previously announced.

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Columbus discovered America, and that now America is beginning to discover Columbus.

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Friday there will be a thousand visitors in Columbus, attending the annual field day meet.

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College street and other sections of the city were a maze of dust and dirt all day Sunday for lack of sprinkling.

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The contract with the street sprinkler provides that the streets must be kept moist during the sprinkling season.

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Columbus will entertain a big State convention the latter part of the week—The State Christian Endeavor Societies.

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The people are paying for sprinkling and that they are entitled to sprinkled streets on Sunday as well as any other day in the week.

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The sun rises this morning at 5:28, four minutes earlier than it did Sunday morning, and sets at 6:34, three minutes later than it did Sunday.

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A voter in Columbus for years has marked his ballot "Yes" instead of with a cross, and for years it has been thrown out. Brother, you are throwing away your vote every time you do it.

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The following officials quietly and peacefully conducted the election: Mr. H. H. Gunter, Mr. J. R. Randle and Mr. John Perkerson.

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**CHANCERY COURT  
NOW IN SESSION****APRIL TERM CONVENED ON  
MONDAY AFTERNOON  
AT 2 O'CLOCK.****GUYTON PRESIDING****Judge Guyton Holding First  
Term As Chancellor Of Sixth  
District—Putting Brakes  
On Divorces.**

The April term of Chancery Court was opened on Monday morning by Judge T. P. Guyton, chancellor, of Kosciusko. There were present the chancellor, Sheriff C. W. West, Clerk John J. Richards, and Deputy Clerk H. L. Bailey.

No important matters have come before the court up to the time of going to press, only ordinary chancery cases having been disposed of.

Judge Guyton says he is going to "shut down" on the granting of so many divorces, especially to members of the black race. He says, however, that it is a matter of history that after all wars there has been a lot of matrimonial discord. Judge Guyton will not undertake to overthrow precedents indiscriminately, but will so conduct his court as to make it more difficult to secure divorces than it has been heretofore.

An important case will be tried tomorrow, in which Mr. C. C. Day brings suit against Messrs. C. F. Sherrod, Battle Bell, and G. M. Flynn for the recovery of money paid for timber on Sixteenth Section land. The timber was conveyed to Messrs. Sherrod, Bell, and Flynn by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Savage. Messrs. Sherrod, Bell, and Flynn then sold to Mr. C. C. Day, who, in turn, sold to Mr. Hector. At this juncture Monroe County stepped in and claimed that the proceeds of the sale belonged to the schools. The timber in question was on Section 16, Township 16, Range 18 W., part of which lies in Lowndes and part in Monroe county.

This case does not represent a breach of faith on the part of any person or persons; it is more of a lack of understanding of the law relating to Sixteenth Sections.

Messrs. Sturdivant, Owen & Garrett represent Messrs. Sherrod, Bell, and Flynn. The case will be heard tomorrow before Judge Guyton. The outcome will be awaited with interest, inasmuch as it will clear away any technical legal fog that might hover over Sixteenth Section matters.

Following are the decrees for Monday and Tuesday:

Grant Randolph vs. Cora Randolph; divorce; granted.

Jessie Lou Gordon vs. Marion Gordon; divorce; granted.

Mrs. Annie Dawkins vs. John Dawkins; divorce; granted.

Lillie Hood House vs. Marion House; divorce; granted.

Mrs. Jennie E. Crawford vs. Esker Crawford; divorce; granted.

Mrs. R. A. Moss vs. Raymond Moss; divorce; granted.

Guardianship of Thomas L. Nichols, minor. Jno. J. Richards appointed as guardian.

Guardianship of Wiley H. Johnston, minor. Jno. J. Richards appointed as guardian.

A. C. Campbell, administrator of the estate of Ed. Campbell, deceased. Ex Parte proceeding; authority to make fifty per cent distribution of money.

Guardianship of Johnson Ater, Jr., minor. Appointment of Jno. J. Richards as guardian.

Mrs. W. D. Levy vs. Walter Levy; divorce; granted.

Dave Stephenson vs. Emma Stephenson; divorce; granted.

Estella Williams vs. Freeman Williams; divorce; granted.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT—**

An election was held yesterday?

Well, there was, but less than 300 voters knew it. Or, rather less than that number of electors went to the polls and exercised their right of suffrage.

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It was the second primary to nominate a fourth school trustee, and there were two candidates, Mr. G. D. Wood and Mr. T. M. Pullen.

At press time last night the ballots had not been counted, and the result was unknown.

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**TURTLE BACK FOR  
CITY LEAGUERS****President Kuykendall Grading Dia-  
mond And Will Make Turtle  
Back.**

A turtle back diamond will greet the City League fans at the opening game of the league on Tuesday, June 1st.

President Kuykendall is having the diamond on the Barrow Memorial School grounds graded and the field will have the grade and appearance of the turtle back diamond which made the Memphis field famous a few years ago.

Over two hundred loads of grade material are being hauled to the grounds and when the work is complete the field will be one of the finest in this section of the State.

Mr. Gus Hauser, a civil engineer, is establishing the grades and the diamond will be perfect in every respect. The turtle back will turn water rapidly and nothing but actual raining will prevent games this season.

Contracts are being let for screening the windows in the school building and soon grand stand and bleacher seats will be under construction.

Everything will be tip top this season and the fans are preparing for a great season.

**NEW SALARIES OF  
COUNTY OFFICERS****Lowndes County Officers Get  
Material Advance Under  
New Law.**

At the recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County the board fixed the salaries of the several county officials in conformity with the law lately enacted by the Legislature relating to same.

Formerly the Board of Supervisors fixed the salaries of the officers, and lower same as they saw fit. Now they have no say in the matter, but must abide by the law of the State in regard to the amount the officers and their deputies are to receive.

The old salaries and the new salaries are given below:

Sheriff C. W. West, from \$3,500 per annum to \$4,400. Deputy Sheriff A. H. Kilpatrick, from \$1,750 to \$2,200. Deputy Sheriff Z. P. Goolsby, from \$125 to \$150 a month for time employed. Deputy Sheriff W. H. Foreman, from \$800 a year to \$1,500.

Chancery Clerk John J. Richards, from \$3,000 a year to \$4,250. Deputy Chancery Clerk H. L. Bailey, from \$1,500 a year to \$2,125.

Circuit Clerk J. T. Stephenson, from \$2,500 to \$3,250. Deputy Circuit Clerk, from \$100 to \$150 a month for time employed.

Tax Assessor B. G. Hull, from \$2,250 to \$2,500. Formerly the tax assessor was allowed four deputies at \$1,100 a year each. Now he is allowed two deputies, one month each, at \$125 a month.

Prof. E. A. Stanley, superintendent of education, formerly received \$1,800 per annum. Now he will receive \$2,750.

Mr. S. W. Gardner, treasurer, used to get \$25 a month for his services. Now he will receive \$500 a year.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, who formerly were allowed three dollars for each day they devoted to the county's business, will now receive seven dollars a day.

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**URGES INCREASE IN  
TEACHER SALARIES****COLUMBUS WILL LOOSE  
BEST TEACHERS UNLESS  
ADEQUATE SALARIES  
ARE PAID.****WARNING SOUNDED****Dr. J.**